

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 839

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to welcome the members of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors to Tennessee on the occasion of their meeting in Nashville, October 13-16, 2016.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to welcome the members of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors as they gather to meet in our State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Lions will host a Lions Clubs International Board of Directors meeting in Nashville, October 13-16, 2016; in attendance will be thirty-six directors from around the world with several Board appointees and approximately 100 staff members from the International headquarters in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, presiding over the meeting will be the 100<sup>th</sup> president of Lions Clubs International, Robert Corlew from Milton, Tennessee. President Corlew served as first vice president of Lions Clubs International until his election as president in June 2015 in Fukuoka, Japan, at the 99<sup>th</sup> International Convention; Mr. Corlew has the distinct honor of serving as president during the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration; and

WHEREAS, President Robert Corlew has served as first and second vice president and as a director of Lions Clubs International; a member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices locally and statewide within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary, and council chairperson, and he has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs; and

WHEREAS, President Corlew is an attorney and a former chancellor in Murfreesboro, having begun his service on the bench in 1984 and having served as chancellor from 1990 until

2014; it is an honor for Murfreesboro and Tennessee to be the home of this world leader who is respected worldwide; and

WHEREAS, founded by Melvin Jones in Chicago, Illinois, in June 1917, the Lions Clubs International is the largest worldwide service organization with about 1.4 million members; its international purpose is to: organize, charter, and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs; coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs; create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world; promote the principles of good government and good citizenship; take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community; unite the Lions Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding; provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members; encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward; and encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavors; and

WHEREAS, when Melvin Jones founded the organization, he conceived the idea of calling the club "Lions"; the new members of the organization selected the name "Lions" over several other choices by secret ballot and chose the lion as the club's emblem to represent courage, strength, activity, and fidelity; while the club's logo has changed and evolved over the years, it has always stood for the same idea: We Serve; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for their work with the blind or those with poor eyesight, the members of the Lions Clubs International have worked for almost 100 years on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize the members of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors upon the occasion of their meeting in Nashville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we warmly welcome the members of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors as they gather to meet in Nashville, October 13-16, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.